

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Linda Thorne et al.  
Application No. : 10/717,976  
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For : PURIFICATION AND USE OF GELLAN IN ELECTROPHORESIS  
GELS  
Examiner : Susan Emily Fernandez  
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REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on February 12, 2007, please extend the period of reply five months from April 12, 2007 to September 12, 2007. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization for the requisite fee.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.